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## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Restriction Requirement is being filed in response to the Office Action Summary mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on <u>January 22, 2008</u>, in the above-identified application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 68 of this paper.